

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

SATOSHI ASARI, *et al.*

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For: VERTICAL HEAT TREATMENT SYSTEM AND  
AUTOMATIC TEACHING METHOD FOR  
TRANSFER MECHANISM

**Confirmation No. 5783**

Art Unit: 3749

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**Mail Stop: Amendment**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 2, 2008, to which the time for response is set to expire December 2, 2008. The pending claims, claims 1-6, were rejected.

Reconsideration and entry of the following amendment(s) are respectfully requested.

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

A Listing of the Claims begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.